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The Devalued Dollar

Whatever the temporary benefits achieved by the recent ten per cent devaluation of the dollar, and however necessary that devaluation, the people of the United States can find little consolation in the grim fact that their currency was forced to be reduced in value--in comparison to other currencies--for the second time in fifteen months.

While it is true that U.S. exports will now sell cheaper abroad, and that exporting firms will thereby be benefitted, it's also true that every American will have to pay more for various imported goods from all over the world. And they will also pay more for everything each time they travel outside this country.

In other words, while the balance of payments fight is helped by the devaluation and while that devaluation was probably necessary, Americans will pay more in many ways as a result. We are, in effect, paying now for the many years of balance of payments deficits, overseas spending, the war in Vietnam and vast foreign aid programs--for fiscal irresponsibility.

Certainly this is not a record to be proud of; it is one which is now to cost every citizen more in everyday shopping and living. This unhappy reality should convince the majority of Americans to demand greater fiscal and spending responsibility from Congress in the future.

Letter To The Editor

Feb. 26, 1973

Editor
Times-Virginian

Dear Sir,

It is my understanding, according to a letter in the Lynchburg News on Sunday, February 18, 1973, that beginning in mid-April, the CBS Television Network will show x-rated movies at 11:00 p.m.

This type of entertainment is polluting America just as surely as the scum on the rivers and the smog in the air.

Please write and voice your disapproval to:

Mr. Charles Irland
CBS Television Network
51 West 52nd Street
New York, N. Y. 10010

Sincerely,
Norma H. Moore

7TH GRADE 4-H MEETING

7th Grade 4-H meeting held February 15, 1973. The 4-H meeting was called to order by Gwen Ferguson. The pledges were led by Carolyn Hancock and Mark Elliott. The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting it was approved as read.

There were 42 pupils in the meeting. Mr. Sweet passed out certificates that Coretha Brooks, Rosa Abbit, LaTrelle Ewers, Polly Carter and others won in the Public Speaking Contest. Then Mr. Sweet passed back old project books. March 31, 1973 the 4-H members are presenting a County Demonstration and a Illustrated Talk Contest.

Mr. Sweet showed slides on demonstration and illustrated talk. The 4-H Dog Chain will be discussed in the following meetings. We adjourned by the 5th grade lunch period.

Director, Mr. Sweet; President, Gwen Ferguson; Vice President, Barbara Ferguson; Secretary, Debbie Doss; Reporter, Sheryl Franklin.

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The Paster Speaks

"NOT OF THIS WORLD."

John 17

In the 17th chapter of the Gospel of John our Lord said that his people "are not of this world." His prayer in this chapter was for a special people. He declared that he prayed "not for the world but for his own. He said that his people are "not of the world," even as he was not of the world. But this is a very important distinction for there are to be found certain people who are not of the world but yet they are not Christians. We know that Christ was not of the world in nature, his virgin birth, his sinless life, etc., set him apart from the world. God's people are likewise different in that they have a new nature through the miracle of the new birth. Many think that the difference between a Christian and a worldling is not merely external but rather internal. The difference is one of nature and not of mere act. God's people are not of the world in character. This cannot be said of many church members for they are of the world. God's true children, however, are not of the world in their very character. You may make a profession of faith but if your thoughts, habits, behavior and your feelings are worldly and carnal then you are of the world. God is preparing a place called Heaven, a new Heaven and a new Earth for those who are not of this world.

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The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, March 4, 1973

THIS IS GOD'S WORLD

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-26, 31; Psalm 24:1-2; Psalm 104:24-30

The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein. Psalm 24:1

In the theology of the Judaeo-Christian tradition, God is the creative and sustaining force in all the universe. To describe God as a force is not to deny His personhood. In this theology, God, a Person, brought into being the universe, set the heavenly bodies in their orbits, brought into being plant and animal life both marine and terrestrial on this planet at least, and sustains it, and to crown His creative work brought into existence man made in His image and endowed with remarkable capabilities which we know as man.

Judaeo-Christian theology did not arrive at these conclusions through the usual processes through which man acquires knowledge. Man's continuing search for knowledge, through ways in which he is accustomed to learn, of his own origins and of the origins of the planet which is his home, descriptively called "spaceship earth" by Barbara Ward, and of the universe which earth is a member, is evidence that we have as yet no satisfactory scientific information about these origins. One of the most revolutionary which sent man on his most astounding exploration yet was to see if the moon would yield any secrets about the origin and development of the universe.

The basis for these conclusions of Judaeo-Christian theology about origins is to be found in the process we call revelation. In a unique way, the Scriptures both are and contain God's revelation of Himself to men, and the Scriptural presentation of the universe and all that is in it as God's creation derives from revelation. The profoundest truths of theology come through revelation, as when Jesus told Peter, when that disciple acknowledged Him as "the Christ, the Son of the Living God," that he had not learned it through natural processes, but that God had revealed it to him.

An agnient psalmist saw the heavens as declaring the glory of God and the firmament as showing His handiwork. Near or our own time and place, John Randolph of Roanoke declared that no man could see the sun rise from the Peaks of Otter and remain an atheist. It is through the eye of the spirit that we see God in His works or even that the world about us is His work.

To all creation there is an order which suggests an omniscient Designer